

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME -- GREETINGS:

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER.

WHEREAS, many have sought refuge in Arkansas due to the catastrophic events in Mississippi and Louisiana caused by Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, this forced relocation has presented many emergency situations, including one regarding patients who take medications for treatment of serious medical conditions and have an immediate need to obtain refills of their prescription medications; and

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 17-92-102(d) authorizes pharmacists to refill prescription medications for a 72-hour supply of medication in emergency situations when the prescriber is unavailable to authorize the refill; and

WHEREAS, under the circumstances now at hand due to Hurricane Katrina, this 72-hour-medication-refill limitation will impose hardship upon these patients now located in Arkansas; patients seeking such refills would have to use different pharmacies every three days and possibly pay additional out-of-pocket amounts, rather than rely on insurance to simply pay a one-month refill; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Huckabee, Governor of the State of Arkansas, acting under the authority vested in me by the Arkansas Emergency Services Act, do hereby suspend the provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 17-92-102(d) regarding prescription medication refills. Pharmacists are authorized to provide a one-month refill on prescription medications for those refugees seeking shelter in Arkansas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed at the Capitol in Little Rock on the 31st day of August in the Year of our Lord, two thousand and five.



GOVERNOR MIKE HUCKABEE

SECRETARY OF STATE CHARLIE DANIELS